

# North Tonawanda City Schools



## Mission



To provide an excellent education to all that encompasses developing confident, creative, competitive and caring students.

## Vision

To develop a nationally recognized school system focused on: A collaborative environment that fosters the academic, emotional and social growth of each student through quality and purposeful educational experiences. Students becoming independent, productive and globally competitive citizens. Instilling the belief that each student is invaluable.

## Core Beliefs

North Tonawanda Lumberjacks are:

- Lifelong learners
- Understanding
- Motivated
- Brave
- Empowered
- Respectful
- Just
- Academically sound
- Caring
- Knowledgeable
- Strong

## Voter Qualifications

- You must be a citizen of the United States.
- You must be 18 years of age.
- You must be a resident of the school district for a period of 30 days immediately prior to the vote.

## Superintendent's Message

As we move into the spring months, we are planning for the 22-23 school year. This means that budgets for next year need to be set and programs for students are scheduled. The Board of Education worked hard to ensure taxes stayed below the tax cap to still offer and create programs that engage and challenge students.

Our summer enrichment classes will be back again this year, we plan to expand beyond reading and writing into math and science. We hope to have many more children take advantage of this opportunity. Outdoor improvement to the playground and surrounding area at North Tonawanda Intermediate will continue throughout the summer. Please stay tuned for more on this in the coming months.

We are looking forward to a return to normal as we head into the final months of school. With a prom at the Wurlitzer and graduation back at Artpark in Lewiston, we are hopeful that more traditions can return and stay as we get set for the next school year. We continue to take extra cleaning and sanitizing precautions and encourage all of you to continue to wash your hands regularly and maintain basic distancing practices when possible. Together we will beat this and build a brighter future for all.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Woytila  
Superintendent of Schools



## School Board President's Message



I am excited to be writing to you as some normalcy returns to our schools. The district is moving forward with our strategic planning and our vision for the district in the coming years. Thank you to all the community members, parents, and staff who are assisting with this process. Workforce Preparedness, Investing in Innovation, and Engage Learners are among the pillars the district is looking to focus on in the coming years.

The Board of Education has been hard at work on the 2022-2023 budget since January. I would like to thank our legislative partners for their assistance in providing an increase in state funding for next year. The board has proposed a 1.4% increase that includes upgrades to NTI of security and a community park, air quality upgrades, and quality programming at all grade levels. We look forward to presenting it on May 10th and answering your questions.

I look forward to the spring sporting events, concerts, prom, and graduation as we get back to a normal end of school. Congratulations to the Class of 2022, we all look forward to seeing the amazing things you will do to change the world

Sincerely,

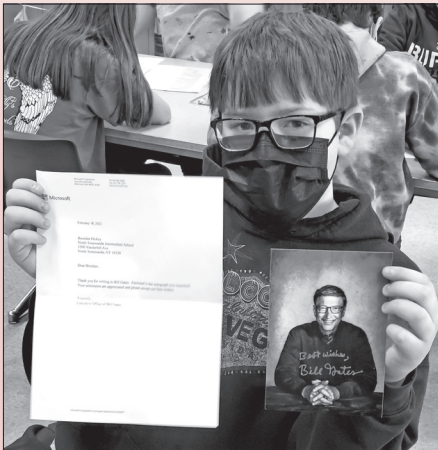
Matthew Kennedy  
Board President



**Budget Vote and Board Election • Tuesday, May 17, 2022  
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

# Letter Writing Lesson

Students in Mrs. Emily Colletta's Gifted & Talented class at NTI practiced professional letter writing by writing letters to people who inspire them. Students wrote to authors, athletes, scientists, musicians, actors, and even local administrators. "Some students have already gotten responses and needless to say, they are thrilled!" says Mrs. Colletta.



Brendan Dickey got a letter and autographed photo from Bill Gates.



Sophia Benden received an autographed postcard from Margaret Peterson Haddix, the author of the *Greystone Secrets* series.

# Spruce Elementary Celebrates Third Grade Authors

Teachers Kim Story and Sandra LeMar came up with a fun and creative way for their third grade classes, at Spruce Elementary School, to express themselves. "We had talked about non-fiction writing for four weeks," explains Ms. LeMar. "We assigned a unit to them in class on the art of information writing and told the students to write about what they consider their field of expertise." Mrs. Story adds, "The students picked topics like taking care of a pet, sports, gardening and videogames and each was encouraged to create some artwork to go with their writings. The writings were very well done and entertaining."



Back row (LtoR) Mrs. Story, Ms. LeMar, Reilly Manzella, Max Hanson, Damian Johnson, Liam Hergert-Livingston, Katie Euscher, Aria Tasca and PJ Donoughe. Front row (LtoR) Liam Conti, Elway Driskel, Ethan Ramos, Kya Lalewicz, Christian Hannah-Albon and Layla Heddlesten.

Ms. LeMar felt that they were so good that they deserved to be put in a book that they could share with their loved ones. "I was online and saw a website called Student Treasures where you could have a book made and we thought that would be a great idea to have our students published. Their parents were very supportive and agreed to buy a copy if we had them printed."

The classes took their time writing, but wanted to get it published before the holiday break in December. "It was such a fun project," says Mrs. Story. "The students really learned to craft a non-fiction piece and we selected one chapter from their three chapter submissions and put that in the book with artwork they created about their topic. The students also got to add their autograph to the book."

The students had a lot of pride when their books came in. Reilly Manzella says she loved seeing her piece on taking care of a puppy. "I was really happy when I saw the book. I was excited to share about what I knew about puppies because a lot of people don't know." Classmate Kya Lalewicz says her topic was on taking care of plants. "We have a lot of plants in our house and they are really pretty. I was excited to know my advice would be in book." Damian Johnson says he was glad to share his knowledge on videogame playing. "I talked about the basic stuff so I could teach someone the proper way to play. It was so exciting to see my story in the book."

# Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Our Transportation Department got into the spirit of things on St. Patrick's Day! Here are Bus Driver Nick Howitt and Head Bus Driver Tammy Frye spreading the luck of the Irish.





# Top 25

The top 25 in the Class of 2022 were recently presented with their certificates. We are so proud of these outstanding students! Our top ten were also presented with medals to honor their achievement which they will be wearing during the graduation ceremony.

Congratulations to:

Rachel Keenan  
Megan Orłowski  
Sarah Polek  
Rebecca Geiger  
Victoria Moran  
Alaina Roberts  
Matthew Willard  
Arianna Bork  
Enzo Fortunato  
Alexandra Privitera  
Lexi Brennan  
Erza Sopi  
Brianna Starr  
Megan Harvey  
Liliana Billi  
Seenaa Aljibouri  
Peyton Wojtaszek  
Evan O'Connor  
Maren Kuebler  
Daniel Kelly  
Li Xin Pan  
Caleb Senick  
Allison Chaplin  
Danielle Wagner  
Olivia Markarian



*Our Top 25 for the 2021-2022 School Year. Not pictured: Seenaa Aljibouri, Daniel Kelly, Brianna Starr and Enzo Fortunato.*

## Senior Government Talks Immigration with Border Patrol

A special thank you to Agent James, Agent Spear and K-9 Agent Bock, from the US Customs and Border Protection, for their visit with the NT High School Senior Government Class. Teacher Pete Fezer says their presentation was amazing. "We discuss immigration in our class and the agents gave a real-life view of the issue of immigration into this country. The agents went over the history, purpose and mission of the US Customs and Border Protection agency and what they do to safeguard our borders and protect our country."



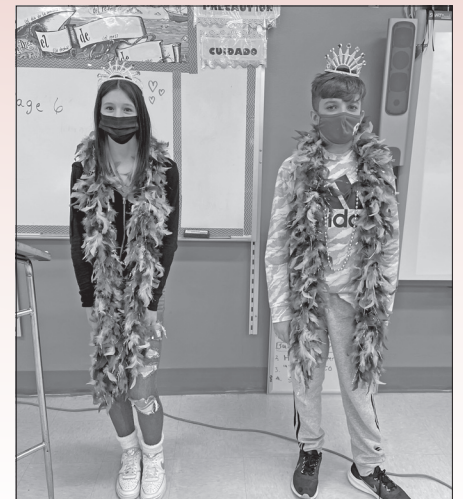
*Bella Mathewson, Megan Harvey, Wendy Pan, Lillian Russell, Avery Grosskopf with the US Customs and Border Protection Agents James, Spear and Bock.*

## Mardi Gras Celebration

Students on the Middle School's Team Orion enjoyed a Mardi Gras and Carnival celebration!

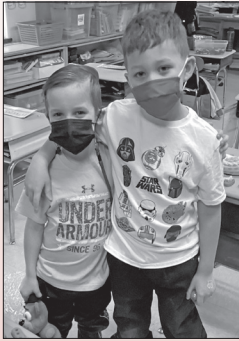
After learning about the culture and tradition, students in Mrs. Andrea Converso's French and Spanish classes celebrated the day with King Cakes. The tradition is to hide a plastic baby inside the cake. Whoever finds the baby in the cake will have luck and prosperity. The finders became "king" or "queen" for the day in class.

Students put much effort into baking the King Cakes which were decorated with purple, green, and gold. Purple represents justice, green represents faith and gold represents power. Students enjoyed this lively tradition and celebration.



# Spruce Takes Part in Global School Play Day

February 2nd was Global School Play Day, a grassroots effort created by educators in support of unstructured playtime for students around the world. Over one million students from 75 nations took part in the initiative, along with Spruce Elementary School.



First Grade teacher Dawn Cich spearheaded the day at the school. "This has been really a lot of fun for our students and staff," she says. "With the pandemic, many of the students really did not get a chance to play together like they normally would. They spent a lot more time on electronic devices and not really engaging in imaginative play with their peers."

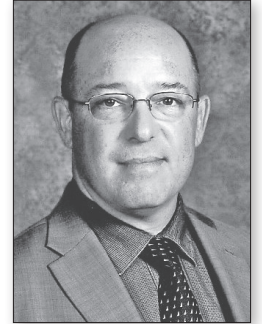
It was a beautiful winter day outside so many of the classes took advantage of the sunshine and headed outdoors engaging in snowman building, playing on the playground and having snowball fights. Other classes did fun activities in class as teams that didn't involve electronic devices at all. Third grade teacher Debra Tokarczyk says in her class she asked her students to bring in their favorite board games or toy. "The whole goal was to just play with their classmates and have fun."

"It was a great opportunity just to be children and have fun with each other," says Mrs. Cich. "For some of our students, it is the first year they have been in school in two years and it gives them a chance to form relationships with their peers. I was really excited to bring Global School Play Day here."



# Principal James Fisher Set to Retire

North Tonawanda High School Principal James Fisher will be retiring April 27th of this year after a long and illustrious career in education. "Having started my service to the District on April 27, 1998, and in keeping with my belief that the universe is a balanced place, I selected April 27 as my last day of employment at NTCSD," he says.



Mr. Fisher started his career in public education 34 years ago when he was a substitute teacher and wrestling coach at his alma mater Caledonia-Mumford High School near Rochester, New York. He started teaching Social Studies at L.A. Webber in Lyndonville in 1989 and left in 1998 when he accepted the NT High School's Assistant Principal position. "I am so very proud of the students here at North Tonawanda and all that we have accomplished as a school district," says Mr. Fisher. One of the hallmarks of his tenure at the high school was the development of the five career academies. "The first one was the Academy of Business and Finance. We invested so much into these smaller learning environments. We then went on to develop the Academy of Engineering and Architecture, the Academy of Informational Technology, the Academy of International Studies and the Academy of Health Science. As a Principal, I would say my biggest impact was helping to develop those and I had a real sense of satisfaction watching how they benefitted our students and helped to prepare them for future career success."

There is no doubt that Mr. Fisher will not be resting on his laurels once he leaves NT. "I have a lot of hobbies. I am very interested in archeology and I am looking forward to learning more skills in that study. I am competitive in the sport of Atlatl, which is a primitive tool that is like a stick that you throw arrow-like projectiles with for distance and accuracy. I am also an avid boater and fisherman." Mr. Fisher says once his wife retires they plan on navigating their boat down to Florida during the winter months. "That is our retirement goal to be snowbirds," he laughs.

"I will be ever grateful for the opportunity I was afforded to serve the families and students of the City of North Tonawanda over the past 24 years," he says. "It has been and continues to be, a privilege to serve as Principal of North Tonawanda High School. I owe a great debt of gratitude to the community, and its educational leaders, who supported my administrative career through three tenures and ultimately entrusted me with the great responsibility of leading North Tonawanda's flagship school. The City of North Tonawanda, the North Tonawanda City School District, and the numerous students and staff with whom I have spent much of my life will always live in me."

Although it will be hard to say goodbye to Mr. Fisher, we want to congratulate him on the next phase of his life and thank him for the lasting impact he has made on our students and staff. He will be sorely missed!

## Goodbye Coach K!

We would like to wish a happy retirement to Coach Rob Keohane! His Drake Elementary School family will miss him very much!



Coach Keohane with Marco Oshman, Leland Leo and Maddyn Knoell.



# Discover Den Opens at Ohio Elementary

Excitement is building at Ohio Elementary for the new S.T.E.A.M. room, The Discovery Den! This project began in early 2020 when the building received a brochure outlining a curriculum based on purposeful play. This concept promotes learning by allowing the student to develop cognitive, linguistic, social, and emotional skills, while playing and exploring. Numerous faculty members and staff came together with a single-minded goal, “Let’s create a space that not only encourages purposeful play, but also focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math”. The idea of a S.T.E.A.M. room was born. This wonderful learning space was made possible with the support from many, including the Ohio Home Interest Organization and community fund raising.



Committees brainstormed the look and feel of the room, along with a curriculum that would be incorporated within the computer special. The curriculum has blended traditional computer skills while incorporating coding, aeronautics, and robotics kits from Woz Ed. In addition, classes can sign-out the room to access brand-new teaching elements like Virtual Reality (VR) Goggles for virtual field trips, a 3D printer, iPads, countless STEM learning kits and a 12 foot Lego wall. The visual concept of the room focused on creating a space that is age appropriate, functional and fluid. With some ingenuity and a little bit of elbow grease, the classroom interior and classroom items were refurbished and repurposed. Equipped with flexible furniture, the Discovery Den is a dynamic learning environment that empowers students to explore, learn, excel, and grow.

## Virtual Reality at Ohio-Habitats Around the World

Students in Mrs. Castronova’s and Mrs. Hromowyk’s second grade classes at Ohio Elementary had the opportunity to virtually visit habitats around the world.

This activity was engaging and exciting for the students as they traveled through rainforests, oceans and deserts around the world. As a bonus extension activity, the students were taken for a ride on the DeLorean time machine from the *Back to the Future* movies! They loved whizzing through many different time periods and avoiding danger on the virtual adventure.



## Cans for a Cause

On Mismatch Day at Drake Elementary the students collected bottles and cans to support the Jacks that Care initiative at the High School. Drake’s motto for the month of March was “Little Kids Can Do Big Things”. Every Friday the school supports a different charity. What amazing students we have!



## Drake Celebrates 100 Days of School

When Drake Elementary School decided to celebrate 100 days of school, teacher Deb Swartz dressed up like a character she plays at the Ghostlight Theater. She plays an old Polish lady named Berniece Kapusta.



Her kids loved it! They did a polka for 100 seconds and listened to Bobby Vinton songs.

# High School Students Take Part in ACE Mentor Program

North Tonawanda High School students are reaping the benefits of a nationwide program designed to introduce them to a wide-range of career opportunities in architecture, construction, engineering and related areas of the building design and construction industry.

The ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) Mentor Program pairs professionals from leading area firms with student teams. The professionals volunteer their time to mentor the teams as they design projects. This year's mentors are: Jennifer Van Dusen from Buffalo Construction Exchange, Teagan Stack and Courtney Leary from Gilbane Construction, Marie Patton from Active Workforce, Michael Macaluso from Build MAC Construction and members from CPL: Architecture – Engineering. Three North Tonawanda High School teachers are also acting as mentors to the students: Technology teacher Stephen Blask, Visual Arts teacher Chris Cook and Science teacher Joel May.



The student teams have been learning lessons in structural, trusses, architecture, drafting, form/function, civil engineering, site planning and material selection. Their main project has been designing and building a pergola. They have worked their way up to their main construction project with smaller hands-on activities. Each team members designed a pergola, gave a presentation and a committee chose one of the designs. Once the design was chosen the teams planned the final buildout. The students plan on unveiling their finished project on May 20th to their parents and teachers. "It is an amazing opportunity for high school students to work in direct contact with professional builders, engineers, architects and project managers," says Visual Arts teacher Chris Cook. "They are getting a true experience in what it is like to complete a construction project from the concept phase, through design process and finally the building phase."

## College Signing Day at NT High School

Congratulations to five seniors who signed their letters of intent for their chosen colleges.

Student-Athletes Kylie Miranto, Nikolas D'Andrea, Kaylee Valentic, Michael Colley and Bailey Glass committed to their colleges in front of their families and school district administration on February 2nd in the High School gym.

Kylie will be playing soccer and lacrosse at Daemen College and majoring in Naturalized Sciences with specialization in Forensics. Nikolas will be playing Volleyball and Lacrosse for Medaille College and majoring in Sports Management. Kaylee will be a member of Buffalo State's Soccer team and majoring in Criminal Justice. Michael will be playing Lacrosse for Medaille College and majoring in Business Administration. Bailey will be a member of the Daemen College Bowling team and majoring in Biochemistry.

We are so proud of these students and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!



Top row grandfather Tom Glass, boyfriend Nicholas Schrock, grandmother Nancy Glass, and then the bottom row is father Brian Glass, Bailey, mom Jenifer Glass.



Nik with his dad Frank D'Andrea, mom Kim Platt and sister Addison.



Kaylee and her mother.



Michael and his mother.



Back row: Grandma Sandra Miranto, cousin Alyssa Farrell, sister Kasey Miranto, aunt Jodi Hoffman, and aunt Maria Myers. In the front row is dad Brian Miranto, baby cousin Frankie, Kylie and mom Sandy Miranto.



# North Tonawanda Students Place at Annual SkillsUSA Conference at Alfred State

Congratulations to our students Sarah Baker and Savannah Shine, who attend programs at the Niagara Career and Technical Education Center at Orleans/Niagara BOCES. Sarah Baker took 2nd Place in the Cosmetology Senior Competition and Savannah took 3rd Place in the Advertising Design at the Region 1 Leadership Conference and Skills Olympics at Alfred State College. Sarah attends the Cosmetology program and Savannah attends the Graphic Communications Program.

In the Cosmetology Senior competition, students demonstrated their skills in haircolor, haircutting, hair styling and long hair design in four separate tests. All work is performed on mannequins, so everyone begins with the same model and the same type of hair. Contestants will perform one woman's cut, and one man's cut from a finished photo. They will also create one uniform layered haircut. A display of creativity is seen in the long hair segment of the competition where these future salon professionals demonstrate their own design skills.

In the Advertising Design competition, this contest tested technical skills and creative aptitude as though contestants worked for an ad agency. In addition to a written test, competitors will recreate a provided advertisement on the computer. Competitors are judged on their accuracy, proficiency with industry software and ability to meet a deadline. Contestants also compete in a creative portion of the competition. The creative portion involves the application of creative thinking and a design challenge. Layout, drawing and illustration skills are used, as well as the ability to create vibrant, effective designs using the computer.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. We help each student excel. A nonprofit national education association, SkillsUSA serves middle-school, high-school and college/postsecondary students preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations.



## “Shrek Jr.” Makes A Believer Out of Audience

The Middle School's “Shrek Jr.” cast did an amazing job putting on the much loved musical. Director of Fine Arts Dean Vallas says, “I am so proud of the students and Fine Arts staff for making Shrek Jr. a reality for students. The Arts are making this pandemic bearable, especially for students attending school.”

Leads Anthony Pecoraro as Shrek, Macy Gabel as Fiona and Derek Kennan as Donkey did an outstanding job as well as the rest of the cast! A special thank you to Director John Szablewski who stepped in to play Lord Farquaad at the last minute!



# NTI Student's Artwork Wins NYS DEC Contest



Congratulations to NTI student Cecilia Fedeson! This talented 5th grader took first place in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) poster contest.

Her poster will be featured on the DEC calendar next year. As a thank you the DEC will be planting a tree at the Intermediate school to celebrate her achievement. Her Art teacher Melinda Wright says she is very proud of Cecilia and all her students who participated since it was an optional project.

## Family Fun Night

There were a lot of free and fun art activities at the Carnegie Arts Center March 16th. Our amazing Art teachers hosted the event for the District's families as part of YAM (Youth Art Month) and participants were encouraged to take part in drawing, painting, printmaking and other great activities.



## PROPOSITION #1 VOTE ON BUDGET

Shall the proposed budget of Expenditures of the North Tonawanda City School District for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$83,555,000.00 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources provided by law.

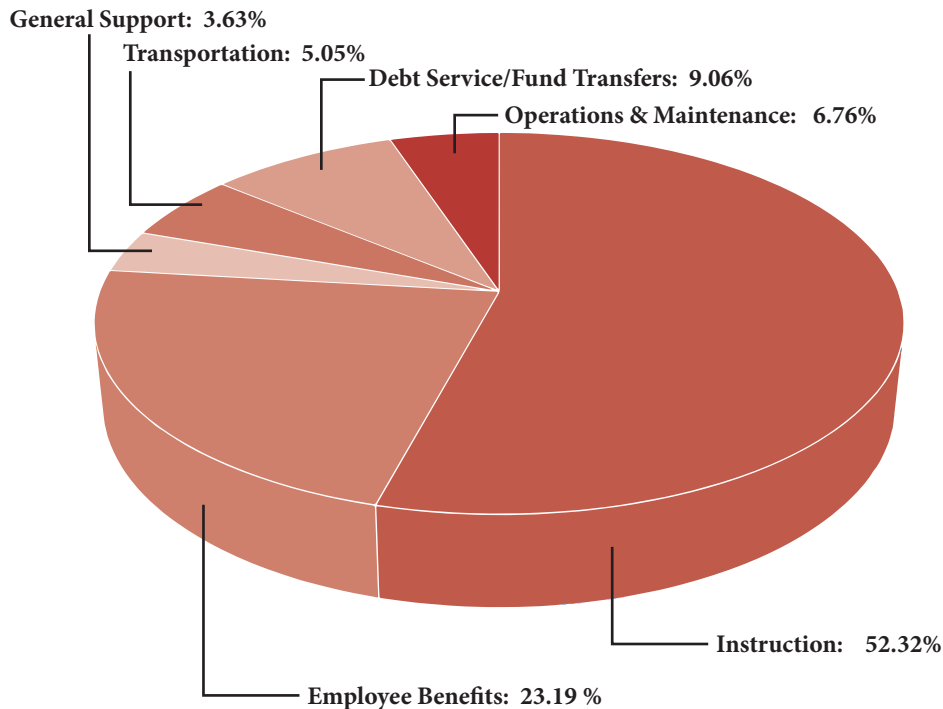
☐ Yes ☐ No

### Transportation Capital Expenditure

In the 2022-2023 budget year, the district is proposing to purchase one type "C", 66-passenger big buses, six type "A", small buses, and additional school bus-type vans/minivans/suburban, or similar vehicles for the purpose of transporting students as part of home to school and extra-curricular services. These vehicles will be replacing vehicles that will be retired from the current district fleet that are aging out. These purchases will be made on the basis of state contract and current market prices which may limit the number of vehicles that are actually able to be purchased via this budget line.



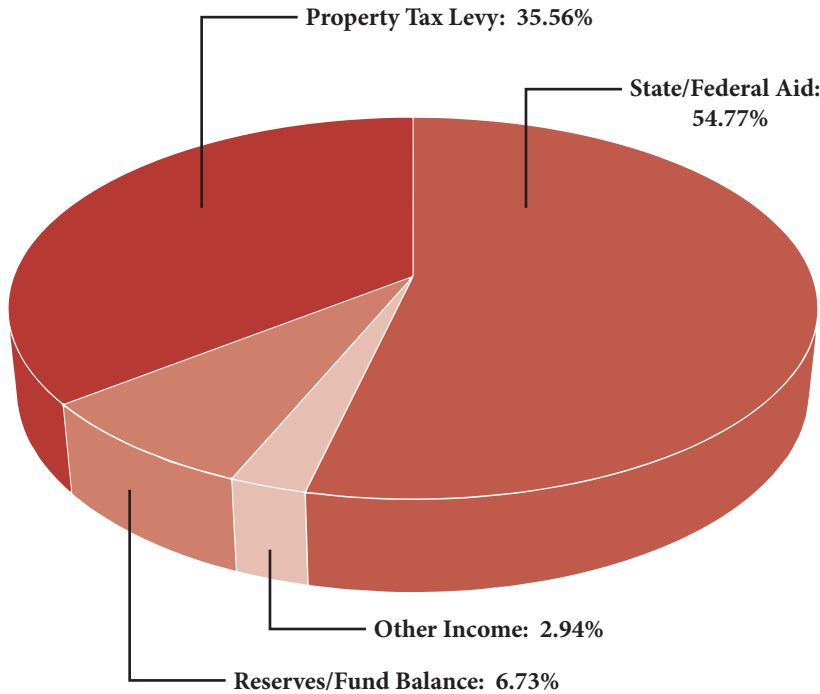
## EXPENDITURES



	2021-2022	2022-2023	Percent Change from 2021-22
<b>Instruction</b>	\$43,931,668	\$43,714,208	-0.49%
Includes: K-12 Instructional program, supervision, curriculum development, BOCES, Special Education programs, Occupational education, Interscholastic athletics, co-curricular programs, health services, library media, computer instruction, and pupil personnel services.			
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	\$19,075,000	\$19,375,000	1.57%
Includes: Employee retirement systems, health insurance, unemployment insurance, social security and worker's compensation.			
<b>General Support</b>	\$2,837,956	\$3,028,083	6.70%
Includes: Legal services, personnel, insurance, school board, refund on property tax, BOCES administrative charges, administrative and financial services, public information, central data processing and auditing.			
<b>Transportation</b>	\$4,027,276	\$4,219,688	4.78%
Includes: Transportation to public and non-public schools, vocational schools, educational field and athletic trips and transportation of special education children.			
<b>Debt Service/Fund Transfers</b>	\$7,050,905	\$7,572,240	7.39%
Includes: Principal and interest payments on debt for district building reconstruction projects and energy conservation projects. Also, includes District's share of special education summer programs.			
<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	\$4,931,695	\$5,645,781	14.48%
Includes: Maintenance of district facilities, custodial services and utility costs.			
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	\$81,854,500	\$83,555,000	2.08%



# PROJECTED REVENUES



	2021-2022	2022-2023	Change from 2021-22
State/Federal Aid	\$44,605,183	\$45,761,000	\$1,155,817

State/Federal Aid represents the largest portion of revenue for the District. In the 2022-23 school year, it is projected to be 54.77 % of all revenue. Last year it was 54.49 %. Year over year and budget to budget this area of revenue has stayed consistent the past two fiscal cycles with an approximately \$1.1 million increase each year. This represents about a 2.5% increase each year.

Other Income	\$2,498,567	\$2,458,000	(\$40,567)
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Any income received by the School District other than State and Federal Aid, Fund Balance or Tax Levy is included under this heading. Examples of other income would be: rentals, interest earnings, payments in lieu of taxes, refunds of prior year's expenses, gifts, fees, tax penalties, commissions and athletic event gate receipts.

Reserves/Fund Balance	\$5,450,000	\$5,625,000	\$175,000
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**Reserves:** The District maintains Reserve Funds in accordance with guidelines established by the State of New York and adopted and accepted by the Board of Education. With the significant financial issues currently affecting districts across the State, the Board of Education has adopted a fiscally responsible process to use those reserve funds that are available. They have adopted a process which attempts to maintain quality programs while keeping the tax levy reasonable and within the Tax Cap threshold.

**Fund Balance:** Funds which are budgeted but unexpended at the end of the budget year, and revenues which are realized in excess of those budgeted for the year, are available at the end of the fiscal year to be carried forward as fund balance.

Tax Levy	\$29,300,750	\$29,711,000	\$410,250
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This is the amount to be raised through local property taxes. The Board of Education desires to keep any increases in the levy as low as possible. For the 2022-23 school year, it is anticipated that there will be a tax levy increase of \$ 410,250 which represents a 1.4 % increase over the previous year. The District will be using \$ 875,000 in reserves to offset the loss of tax revenue to support the budget as a temporary measure to provide relief to taxpayers.

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$81,854,500	\$83,555,000	\$1,700,500
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## \$100,000 Capital Outlay and Capital Improvement Projects

What is the capital outlay project that is included in the 2022-2023 school budget this year?

Capital outlay projects were established by NYSED Department of Facilities Planning as a method for districts to maintain facilities, make modest upgrades, and improvements of up to \$100,000 between larger capital projects. The most important aspect of these projects is that they will generate state aid for the school district to cover a portion of the cost of construction. In the past these necessary repairs and improvements would all be paid for through local funds as building repairs in the budget, or the district would have to delay repairs until the district could put together a large capital project. Now, using capital outlay projects the district will only pay for approximately 16% of the costs with local funds because the state will provide aid for approximately 84% providing a funding source for the district to reduce the local cost to taxpayers. In the 22-23 budget year the district is proposing to use these funds for a construction/reconstruction project to address improvements to the North Tonawanda Intermediate School campus which would include but not limited to site work related to a sensory pathway and gardens, flooring, finishes, ceilings, wiring, heating and ventilation systems in school buildings for classroom improvements and STEM classrooms.

## Board of Education Candidates

Information on Board of Education anticipated candidates can be found on the district website: [www.ntschoools.org](http://www.ntschoools.org).

The election of members of the Board of Education shall be held to fill three (3) at-large vacancies on the Board. 2 seats are for (3) year terms and 1 seat is for a (1) year term.



# OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

North Tonawanda City Schools Budget Notice

## OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 81,854,500	\$ 83,555,000	\$ 82,769,000
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$ 1,700,500	\$ 914,500
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.08 %	1.12%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.70 %	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 29,300,750	\$ 29,711,000	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	<b>\$ 29,300,750</b>	<b>\$ 29,711,000</b>	<b>\$ 29,300,750</b>
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 361,226	\$ 534,714	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 29,003,229	\$ 29,668,547	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 28,939,524	\$ 29,176,286	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 63,705	\$ 492,261	
Administrative Component	\$ 6,607,021	\$ 6,828,416	\$ 6,644,054
Program Component	\$ 61,104,025	\$ 61,468,153	\$ 61,446,515
Capital Component	\$ 14,143,454	\$ 15,258,431	\$ 14,678,431

The District would adopt a contingency budget with \$ 786,000 reduced from student supplies and materials, equipment, nonessential maintenance, and non-instructional non-unionized salaries. Also, due to the contingency budget regulations, school facilities would not be available for public use at no cost

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$471

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-2023 by the qualified voters of the North Tonawanda City School District, Niagara County, NY, will be held at the Fine Arts Center (405-455 Meadow Drive) in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 11:00 am and 8:00 pm at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. Absentee ballots are due back by 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022.

<sup>1</sup>The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

**Budget Vote and Board Election • Tuesday, May 17, 2022  
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**



# NFL-ECIC Challenge Huge Success

Basketball fans were in for an amazing weekend at North Tonawanda High School as schools in the Niagara Frontier League (NFL) and Erie County Interscholastic Conference (ECIC) met up for The N.F.L. vs. E.C.I.C. Challenge. North Tonawanda Head Coach Ryan Mountain was thrilled with the turnout January 28-January 29th. "It was a very positive weekend for everyone," he says. "Our leagues started this event 2 years ago at Depew High School. After not playing the event last year, I offered to host and run the event here at our facility, which many feel is one of the nicest basketball arenas in the Section."



Friday's games included matchups between Frontier and CSAT, Williamsville South versus Lewiston-Porter and Orchard Park versus Niagara Wheatfield. Saturday's games were Depew versus Kenmore East, Amherst versus Lockport and last but not least Iroquois against North Tonawanda. "The crowds were electric and we received a tremendous amount of positive feedback," says Mountain. "There were great teams with some of the top players in Section 6, which made it fun for the players and the fans who many had never been to our gym." Those who were unable to attend the game could watch them being streamed on the N.T. Athletics YouTube channel. "The View from Center Court" who is the premier high school media outlet for Section 6 basketball, provided free media coverage and professional photography for all 6 games.

Each team was treated with a case of Gatorade and a sheet pizza courtesy of the NT Basketball program and sponsor BSN Sports graciously donated t-shirts. N.T.'s varsity players worked the snack stand. Another highlight was at the end of each game when the Toughness Awards were handed out and a very cool and unique trophy was presented to one member of each team.

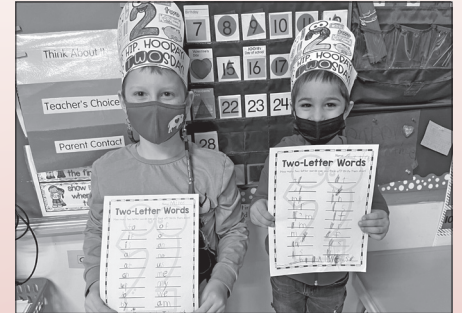
Although the N.F.L. swept the E.C.I.C. in 2020, The E.C.I.C. got the better of them this year going 5-1, with Lewiston Porter earning the N.F.L.'s victory. Mountain says he was very proud of all the student-athletes and the toughness they displayed. "Whether we won or loss was not really important. It was just nice to enjoy our comradery again and have fun without the pressure of having to play our own league for sectional points. To see teams appreciating our court and facility made us proud."



## Two's Day

Our students and staff had a blast celebrating 2/22/22 with a lot of fun activities on this once in a lifetime event.

Here are some cute photos from Drake and Spruce Elementary Schools.



## Student Spotlight Art Show

It was great seeing everyone at our Student Spotlight Art Show on March 3rd!

There were some amazing pieces on display and our teachers loved interacting with their students and their families at the Carnegie Arts Center.





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## Legally Blonde Cast Sparkles

Our talented high school students recently brought the house down with “Legally Blonde” the musical. The story is about Elle Woods, a sorority girl who enrolls in Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend and discovers her knowledge of the law can help others and she successfully defends exercise queen Brooke Wyndham in a murder trial.

